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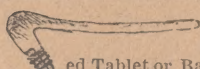
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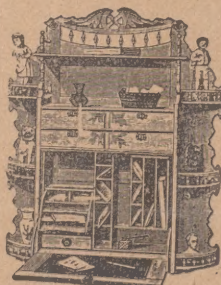
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A NIGHT OF PERIL.

"SEVERAL years ago when stage lines were more frequent than now," remarked an old settler to his friends as they had gathered around the red-hot stove one winter's evening in the store at Towne's cross road, "I had a little adventure that I guess I have not related, and this evening reminds me of the time quite forcibly, as it was just such a night," and lighting his pipe slowly, while his listeners were eager for the story, he related the following:

At the time when this adventure occurred I was driving the stage between Millbridge over yonder to Stockton. As you know the distance is forty-two miles, and as I had to wait for the arrival of two other coaches I did not start until after dinner, so I very often had a good distance to drive after dark. The time in question was the dead of winter and we had had a tough season. Heaps of snow had fallen and the drifts were plenty and deep. The mail was not due to arrive in Stockton until midnight and that winter the postmaster was quite often obliged to sit up a little later than that for me.

One day in January when I drove up for my mail at Millbridge, the postmaster called me into his office.

"Pete," said he, with a serious look, "there are some pretty heavy money packages in that bag;" and he pointed to the mail-bag as he spoke. He said the money was from some New York lumber merchants, and that it was going to their agents up near the Canada line. Then he asked me if I had any passengers who were going through to Stockton. I told him I did not know, but supposed not.

"The agent of the lower route came in to-day," he continued, "and said there had been two suspicious looking characters on the stage that came up the night before, and he suspects they have an eye on this mail, so it will stand you in hand to be a little careful."

He said the agent described one of them as a short, thick set fellow with long hair, and a thick, heavy beard on his chin, but none on the side of his face. He did not know anything about the other. I told the old gentleman I guessed there wasn't much danger; however, I stowed the mail under my seat a little more carefully than usual, placing it so that I could keep my feet upon it. It was half past one when I started, and I had four passengers, two of whom only rode to my first stopping place. I reached Brant's Mills at dark, where my other two passengers concluded to stop for the night.

About six o'clock in the evening I left Brant's Mills having two horses and an open pung. I had seventeen miles to go, and it was a hard seventeen too. The night was clear, but the wind was sharp and cold, the loose snow flying in all directions, while the drifts were deep and closely packed. It was slow, tedious work, and my horses soon became restive and leg weary. At the distance of seven miles I came to a little settlement called Reed's Corner, where I took fresh horses. I had been two hours going that distance. Just as I was about to start a man came up and asked me if I was going to attempt to make the through trip that night, and I replied that I should at least attempt it. He said he was anxious to get through that night, and as he had no baggage I told him to jump in and make himself comfortable. I was gathering up the reins when the hostler came out and asked me if I knew that one of my horses had cut himself badly. I jumped out and went with him and found that one of the animals had a deep cork cut in its off fore-foot. I gave such directions as I considered necessary, and was about to turn away, when the hostler remarked that he thought I came alone, I told him I did.

"Then where did you get that passenger?" said he.

"He just got in," I answered.

"Got in from where?"

"I don't know."

"Well now, that's curious. There aint no such man been at the house, and I know there haint been none at the neighbors."

"Let us have a look into his face," said I. "We can get that much at any rate. You go back with me and as I get into the pung, just hold your lantern so that the light will shine into his face."

He did as I wished, and as I stepped into the pung I got a fair view of such portions of my passenger's face as were not muffled up. I saw a short thick frame; full, hard features; and I could also see that there was a heavy beard under his chin. I thought of the man whom the postmaster had described to me, but I didn't think seriously of it until I had started. Perhaps I had gone half a mile when I noticed that the mail bag wasn't in its place under my feet.

"Hallo," said I, holding up my horses a little, "where's my mail?"

My passenger sat on the seat behind me, and as I spoke, I turned toward him.

"Here's a bag of some kind slipped back under my feet," he said, giving it a kick as though he had shoved it forward.

Just at that moment my horses lumbered into a deep snow drift, and I was forced to get out and tread down ahead of them and lead them through it.

This took me all of fifteen minutes, and when I got in again I pulled the mail bag forward and got my feet upon it. As I was doing this, I saw the man take something from his lap, beneath the buffalo, and put it in his breast pocket. At first I thought it was a small liquor flask, but upon second thought I made up my mind it was a revolver. I had caught the gleams of the barrel in the starlight, and when I had time to reflect I knew I could not be mistaken.

About this time I began to think somewhat seriously. From what I had heard and seen, I soon made up my mind that the man behind me not only meant to rob the mail, but he was prepared to rob me of my life. If I resisted him he would shoot me, and perhaps he meant to perform that pleasant operation at any rate. While I was pondering, the horses plunged into another deep drift, and I was forced to get out again and tread the snow down before them, I asked my passenger if he would help me, but as he said he didn't feel very well, I worked alone. When I got into the sleigh I began to feel for the mail bag with my feet. I found it where I had left it, but when I attempted to withdraw my foot I discovered that it had become entangled in something—I thought it the buffalo—and tried to kick it clear, but the more I kicked, the more closely was it held. I reached down my hand, and, after feeling about a few moments, found that my boot was in the mail bag! I felt again and I found my hand in among the packages of letters. I ran my fingers over the edges of the opening and became assured that the stout leather had been cut with a knife.

Here was an unpleasant discovery, and I began to wish I had taken a little more forethought before starting out on my perilous trip, but as I knew that making such wishes was only a waste of time, I began to consider what I had best do under the circumstances. I was not long in making up my mind. First, the man behind me was a villain; second, he had cut open the mail bag and robbed it of

valuable matter; he must have known the letters by their size and shape; third, he meant to leave the pung on the first favorable opportunity; and fourth, he was prepared to shoot me if I attempted to arrest or detain him.

I revolved these things over in my mind, and pretty soon I thought of a course to pursue. I knew if I could get my hands safely on the rascal, I must take him wholly unaware, and this I could not do with him behind me, for his eye was upon me all the time, I therefore resolved to resort to a stratagem.

Only a little distance ahead was a house where a farmer named Westwood lived, and directly before it a huge snow-bank stretched across the road, through which a track for teams had to be cleared with shovels. As we approached the house I saw a light in the front room, as I felt confident I should, for the old man generally sat up until the stage went by. I drove on and when nearly opposite the dwelling, stood up as I had frequently done when approaching difficult places. I saw the snow bank ahead and could plainly distinguish the deep cut which had been shoveled through it. I urged the horses at good speed and when near the bank I forced them into it. One of the runners mounted the bank after them, the other ran into the cut, thus throwing the sleigh over about as quick as though lightning had struck it. My passenger had not calculated on any such movement and was not prepared for it; but I had calculated and was prepared. He rolled out into the deep snow, with a heavy buffalo robe about him, while I alighted on my feet directly on top of him. I punched his head into the snow and then sung out for old Westwood. I did not have to call a second time for the old farmer had come to the window to see me pass, and as soon as he saw my sleigh overturned, he had lighted his lantern and hurried out.

"What's to pay?" asked the old man, as he came up.

"Lead the horses into the track, and then come here," said I.

As I spoke, I had partially loosened my hold on the villain's throat, and he quickly drew a pistol from his bosom. I saw the action in season, and jamming his head into the snow again I took the weapon away from him. By this time Westwood had led the horses out and came back, and I explained the matter to him in as few words as possible. We hauled the rascal out into the road and upon examination, found about twenty packages of letters, which he had stolen from the mail bag, stowed away in his pockets.

He swore, and threatened, and begged, but we paid no attention to his entreaties. Westwood got some stout cord, and when we had securely bound our prisoner, we tumbled him into the pung. I asked Westwood to accompany me on the rest of my trip, to which he readily consented, and getting into his heavy overcoat we continued our journey.

I reached the end of my route with the mail all safe, though not as snug as it might have been, and the bag a little the worse for the game that had been played upon it. However the robber was secure, and was turned over to the officers. He proved to be an old offender and in addition to serving out a sentence which he had not completed when he broke jail some months before, he received fifteen years extra for his little exploit that put my life in peril.

GAMES AND PASTIMES.

Contributions for this department are solicited in regard to every variety of indoor and outdoor amusement.

The Word Hunt Contest.

THERE seems to be a marked improvement in this contest over a year ago, from the fact that those who are engaged in it exercise more care in preparing their lists, which brings the first fifteen on the list within a few words of each other.

There have been frequent requests to have the winner's list published, in order that those who fail might see what words escaped them. There are several reasons why this has not been done, some of which are appended: It would encroach upon valuable space which could be devoted to more valuable matter; it would cost quite a little to comply with the request; and finally it would have no bearing on

the result of either the contest of which the list was published or upon the following list as the word or words are changed each month. Only once has the same word been repeated, and in that case but one of the winners in the first contest was a winner in the second.

The result of the contest with "Odell, the King," as the base words, is given below:

	Original List.	Errors.	Correct List.
Albert Pennell,	472	54	418
Adolph Shimonek,	419	3	416
E. Ida Frizzell,	421	6	415
Emma L. Hauck,	443	28	415
Herbert L. Conrad,	421	7	414
Mrs. T. N. McClelland,	426	12	414
Lem E. Boyer,	433	19	414
G. B. Newton,	450	36	414
F. Wm. Woesner,	465	51	414
Charles E. Kizer,	421	8	413
Edward D. Sabine,	439	37	413
Mabelle A. Wilkins,	463	50	413
Nan. E. Houze,	429	17	412
Fred Prosser,	471	59	411
Chas. E. Jenney,	422	11	411
Anna Blackie,	474	63	411
R. Griffith,	478	68	410
Henry Thomas Ward,	576	173	403

The first three upon the above list are, therefore, winners in the contest for the Odell typewriter. In the next contest, Mrs. Falkner and Albert Pennell are not allowed to compete under rule 11.

The Next Word-Hunt.

THE words selected for the next contest are:
WATERMAN'S IDEAL PEN.

The contest will not close until December 15th, and the first prize will be one of Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, worth \$5.50. The band is elegantly chased and mounted with gold, and the prize is a valuable one, and one that can



not fail to be a source of constant pleasure to the winner. The second prize will be any three of our "Best Books;" the third, any two. In our next issue will be announced a new contest, with unusually attractive and liberal prizes.

Please note the following rules, and be sure you comply with them all. All prize papers must be sent to GEO. D. THOMAS, 14 High Street, Waltham, Mass., who has charge of this contest.

The rules governing the contest are as follows:

1. Only subscribers can compete but any one may send their subscriptions in with their list of words.
2. Proper names will not be allowed, and only words found in the body of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, which will be considered a final authority in deciding all disputed points.
3. Prefixes, suffixes and abbreviations will not be counted, nor will plurals be allowed.
4. Words marked "obsolete" will not be counted, unless they are still current in some one of their meanings.
5. Words of different meaning, but spelt the same, count as one word.
6. Words of the same meaning, but spelled differently, count one word for each spelling, unless one is obsolete.
7. No letter can be used more than once in the same word unless used more than once in the word or words used as a basis of the contest.
8. All lists must be written in ink (or on a type-writer) and must be alphabetically arranged, and the words numbered consecutively.
9. The full name and address of the contestant must be written at the top of the first sheet, and also the word used as the basis of the contest.
10. In case of a close contest, the number of errors and the general neatness of the work will be taken into consideration in awarding the prize.
11. The winner of any first prize will be debarred from taking part in the contests for three months after winning such prize.

R. M. Ballantyne.

[Prize biographical sketch, from Leon E. Joseph, Philadelphia.]

THIS prolific and popular writer of sound and wholesome tales for boys, was born at Edinburgh, in 1825. His first book, issued in 1848, was a record of personal experience during a six year residence (from 1841 to 1847) in the territories of the Hudson Bay Co. In 1856 he took to literature as a profession, making it his aim as far as possible to write from personal experience and introducing interesting facts and description. His first tales were founded on experiences in the back-woods of Rupert's Land, among the fur-traders and Red Indians; the Lighthouse was written

after a short residence in the Bell Rock Lighthouse; Erling, the Bold, after a visit to Norway; and the Settler and the Savage, after a visit to the Cape. Up till January, 1887, he had written seventy-four volumes of which sixty-two were distinct tales.

The Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

[Prize essay from Mrs. A. L. Sherwood]

THE Indian Territory is not a Territory but a Reservation. The government of the territory is one of independent chiefs, whose power is, however, limited. The tribes are the wards of the United States government, which nevertheless interferes as seldom as possible. For the purpose of punishing crime against citizens of the United States, the territory is annexed to Arkansas and Missouri. Some of the tribes have a legislature or council of their own; they also have courts and codes of law, few and simple, but sufficient for their purposes. They are not represented even by a delegate in Congress, but when they desire some change in their arrangements, they send their most intelligent chiefs to Washington to present their case to the President, or to whom it is necessary so to do.

Oklahoma is a territory by itself; it has a governor and legislature. The President appoints the governor and secretary; the auditor and treasurer are chosen under territorial authority. The territory is represented in Congress by a delegate.

From the Winner of the Kodak.

TO THE EDITOR OF PLAIN TALK:

I RECEIVED my Kodak Camera; am well pleased in receiving it as a prize. I did not expect my success to be so great. Accept my thanks for the camera.

MRS. ELLA FALKNER, Freeport, Pa.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department is devoted to the interests and welfare of the Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid Societies of the United States of America.

Department of Connecticut Sons of Veterans.

Edited by Rollin T. Toms, Stamford, Conn., (of Camp 49, Connecticut Division, (S. V., U. S. A.) to whom all communications from Connecticut camps should be sent.

THE beautiful and patriotic drama, "Newbern, or the Old Flag" presented last September by the members and friends of Col. Edward Anderson Camp, No. 48, of this place, and for the benefit of the said Camp, was a big success in all respects. It was given two nights in succession, namely, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, September 8th and 9th, and each night we had a crowded house. We realized nearly \$200 clear of our expenses, the total receipts being \$439.65. It was financially and otherwise one of the most successful undertakings in the entertainment line ever experienced by any organization in Danielsonville. The manager, Mrs. Annabelle Louis, of Franklin, Mass., took the leading female character of "Alice, the Little Rebel," and Wm. E. Coman, of Franklin, Mass., and a member of the Camp of S. of V. of that place, took the leading male character of "Charles Sandford." The other characters of the cast were admirably assumed by members of the Camp and their friends. Particular mention should be made of the tableaux which were very beautiful and impressive indeed. The finely rendered song, "The Old North Room" by Captain George E. Coman, as George Holms, in the bivouac scene and with the accompaniment of tableaux, illustrating each verse, was the most impressive feature of the drama, and it produced a powerful and thrilling effect on the audience. Mrs. Annabelle Lewis is the sole owner and manager of the drama, which is founded on facts at the battle of Newbern, in our late war, and she has some very interesting relics of the battle in her possession. Mrs. Lewis has personally taken her drama into some sixteen (16) different states, and always meets with success wherever she goes. If any Camp wishes to place themselves on a good financial basis they will do well to make an engagement with Mrs. Lewis, and at the same time give the community in which they are located a chance to see one of the most beautiful, patriotic and thrilling dramas ever put upon the stage. If reference is wanted, write to our Captain, George E. Coman, who has

been the leading spirit of this enterprise. To George E. Coman, our camp owes its existence. Capt Coman is a steady and faithful worker for the interests of Sons of Veterans. He comes from Providence, R. I., in which city he has been captain of two Camps, and also a captain in the United Team of Artillery, of R. I. Too much praise cannot be given him for his untiring and persevering efforts put forth for this Camp, which by his exertions bids fair to become the crack Camp of the state. Even now he has another enterprise underway for the benefit of the Camp in the shape of a minstrel entertainment by local talent, which, strange to say, is greatly preferred to the traveling troupes that pass through the town. We, as a camp, are in a thriving condition and are recruiting our camp steadily. William H. Miller, our First Sergeant, has removed from town and I have been commissioned First Sergeant to fill the vacancy. Corporal of the Guard, James E. Nash, has been appointed to take my place as Sergeant of the Guard.

Any Sons of Veterans coming our way will receive a cordial welcome if they will make themselves known. We meet every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, in the G. A. R. rooms in "Music Hall Block" and our latch string is always out.

LOUIS C. SANDERS, First Sergeant,
Danielsonville, Conn.

CAPTAIN F. G. Sherman, of Camp 49, is greatly afflicted by the loss of his two small children during the past month.

Captain Sherman stands high in the estimation of Camp 49, and he has their greatest sympathy.

Captain Sherman thought of giving up his office on account of his bereavement, but the boys of No. 49 will learn with pleasure that on account of their repeated efforts to keep him from resigning, that Captain Sherman has finally concluded to retain his office.

Hobbie Post, No. 23, G. A. R., hold their annual fair from October 21st, to 31st. Any S. of V.'s will be sure to find some Stamford brothers in the fair, which is to be held in Town Hall. All are cordially invited to attend.

R. T. T.

NATHAN HALL CAMP, NO. 1.

Field Day at Naugatuck.

The rain in the morning kept many of the boys at home, for it looked as though it would be a wet day.

Camp No. 1 arrived at Naugatuck at eleven o'clock and went directly to the field where the morning skirmish drill took place.

At twelve o'clock the Camps formed and paraded the principal streets. After the parade, dinner was served in Andrew Hall, this being the opening of the Hall, the tables running from one end to the other.

At every cup was a small flag inscribed:

SOUVENIR.

Second Annual Field Day S. of V.
DEPARTMENT of CONNECTICUT.

Compliments

ISRAEL PUTNAM CAMP, No. 35.

Sept. 7, 1891.

Naugatuck, Conn.

Nearly two-hundred and fifty sat down to dinner, and Naugatuck Camp may feel proud of the handsome way they entertained their visiting brothers.

The committee were: Clarence Hubbell, Charles Hubbell, Frank Sears, Frank Squires and Benjamin Wilmot.

After dinner the Camps returned to the field and held dress parade which brought the day to a close.

Brother George Snedeker took the photograph of the Camps on dress parade.

Brother Wheeler of Camp 26, Birmingham, gave us an interesting speech regarding his visit to the Commandry-in-Chief encampment and his return home.

During the warm evenings at Camp No. 1, the brothers in turn bring a watermelon, so that they have a watermelon cut every meeting night.

The Camp expects to muster in several new recruits next month. I remain in the good of the Order,

JAMES D. HISLOP, Camp No. 1,
New Haven, Conn.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY
Mrs. N. F. PERKINS, OCEANUS, N. Y.

WE have decided to make a little change in the Ladies' Department of PLAIN TALK for November and December, and devote our entire space to articles of fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts. Of course all the wise boys and girls have their Christmas gifts made and planned by this time; but for those who are not so wise and are yet undecided what to make, we hope to help, by giving directions for a number of pretty articles, some with very little work for small fingers, and others with a good deal of work for our older readers.

If any of our readers need further directions for any article will send them direct if a stamped self-addressed envelope is sent. And to those living in the country where materials for fancy work can not be obtained, will gladly purchase any of the materials or articles described. In the January number will appear all the lace directions, cooking recipes and letters that have been sent in the past month.

First we shall have three articles for our youngest readers. All are pretty and easily made.

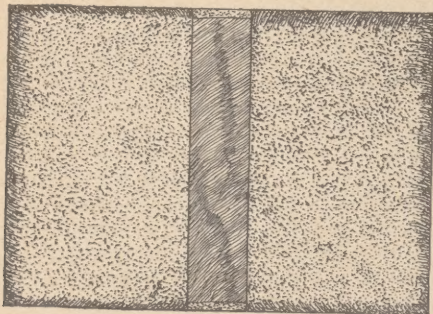
SPECTACLE CLEANER.

THIS is made of chamois. Two oblong pieces are cut measuring nine inches all around, each piece is button-holed stitched with blue embroidery silk, allowing a quarter inch of the chamois to show between each stitch. The two pieces are fastened together with a bow of narrow blue ribbon and on the outside piece these words are to be printed:

The world will never look
quite right,
Unless you keep your
glasses bright.

HANDKERCHIEF CASE.

THIS is a small case just right for a little girls' handkerchiefs, and so easily made. Take a piece of fancy velvet twelve inches wide and five and a half inches long. Line



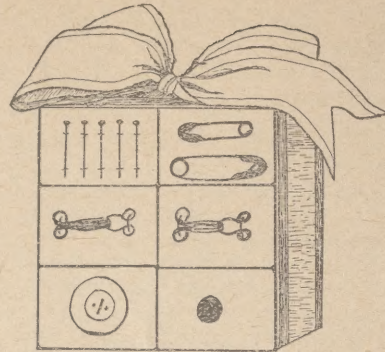
with old gold satin, fold over each side two and a half inches, sew ends together, this forms two pockets, and leaves a space of nearly two inches of the satin between the pockets.

DOLLS' CAP.

THIS cap for a medium sized doll requires one-half ounce of single zephyr, and a bone needle. Make a chain the size of the dolls' head, fasten and make two rows of star stitch, turn and make five rows more, then commence to narrow and leave off one star on each row for five rows, gather top and turn over and sew down, finish with bows of ribbon or pompons made of the zephyr. Be sure and turn top over and sew bow where you have narrowed, next make tiny basket shells around edge and turn up the first two rows for a brim for cap, sew on narrow ribbon strings or crochet a double chain for strings to tie.

A HANDY CABINET.

THIS cabinet is so easily made and is a charming gift for a girl at boarding school. Glue together six pasteboard boxes, such as are used by druggists in preparing prescriptions for powders. They slide out like little drawers with a slight push from the back. Each little box is filled with useful articles, and a sample of the contents of each box is



sewed on the outside. In the right hand top box of the cabinet here illustrated, there are safety pins large and small, and two pins are sewed on outside of box, below are white hooks and eyes, and in bottom box shoe buttons. In the left hand top box are various sizes of pins and four pins are sewed to outside of box, below are black hooks and eyes and in the bottom box buttons of all kinds. A band of yellow ribbon or any color desired just the width of the length of the boxes is next fastened over top of cabinet and then a yard of same ribbon is tied about the whole with a bow at the top.

PHOTO FRAME.

A PRETTY and inexpensive photo frame may be made of celluloid. The edges are notched irregularly and a simple design painted part way around. Corners should be cut through so as to let the corners of the photo stick through,



another way would be to place the photo against the back of the celluloid and draw a line around with a lead pencil. Cut across in quarters, notch the edges, draw them back on the right side, and fasten with tiny bows of ribbon.

PHOTO CASE.

TWO small panels of celluloid may be mounted on leather, with a piece of thin pasteboard or heavy cardboard between. Small holes are made with a punch all around the margin, and a small silk cord wound over and over to keep them together. Cut six or more leaves of tinted bristol board a little smaller than the celluloid and make a row of holes along one side. Cut places diagonally across the corners large enough to accommodate a cabinet photograph, lace the two panels and the leaves together and tie with the cord in front. This makes a very dainty photo case if neatly made and painted.

ALTA L. L. IRONS.

A MATCH SCRATCH.

THIS is made from heavy white drawing paper and is eight inches long and seven wide. The edges are notched irregularly, a lawn seat is painted with lady and gentleman seated, giving a good back view over their heads and concealing their faces, must be pasted an umbrella made of sand paper, this is for striking the matches, a few small daubs of paint are scattered over the sand paper umbrella to

represent patches. Underneath the picture these words are painted:

"A large umbrella, though in patches
Is an excellent thing for striking matches."

TOILET OR TABLE MAT.

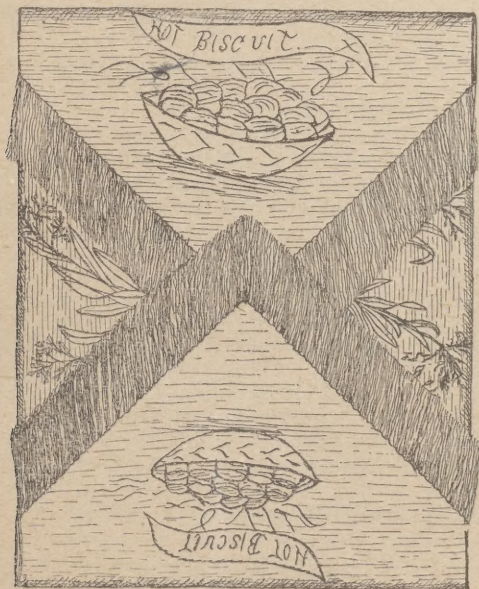
A PRETTY toilet or table mat may be made of linen or batiste hemstitched and an all over design of pansies or roses and web embroidered on it. The simple outline stitch



is employed. The web is made with one strand of white or pearl filosele.

SCRIM TIDY WITH CROCHETED ENDS.

THIS tidy or scarf requires one yard of eighteen inch linen scrim. On one end a two and a half inch hem is turned, ten threads are drawn and a row of hemstitching is made with five threads in a cluster. Five rosettes of cream linen thread No. 50, are next made and sewed by two upper points to end of scarf. A knotted fringe of four threads eight inches long is fastened in the chain of each point. To finish the other end make five rosettes and place in a row and join by sewing together the two outside points, second row make four rosettes, third row, three, fourth row, two, and fifth row one. These are all joined to form a point, sew this point on to the outside of scrim and after all small points of this large point are firmly sewed to scrim cut out the scrim from underneath the large point, turn in edges and fasten through crocheted work with small stitches. A knotted fringe is added to bottom row of rosettes. A yard and a half of three inch bright ribbon is tied in a large bow through centre. Any rosette pattern may be used providing it has eight points.



HOT BISCUIT NAPKIN.

Stray Notes.

THE embroidered crash and momie cloth table covers may be prettily finished by scalloping the edge and working it in button-hole stitch and placing lace all around the cloth under the scallop.

PILLOW-CASES with hemstitching are fast taking the place of "shams." A little good embroidery is permissible, but anything tawdry or flimsy is decidedly out of taste.

AN artistic portiere may be made from white cotton rope. Work the portiere with a wooden needle as one does a hammock, using the same stitch. When the required length without the fringe is obtained, knot in long strands of the rope to form a deep fringe at the bottom, then knot all over the net tassels with colored rope linen. The effect is very unique.

AN inexpensive bed spread may be made in the following manner: Buy a large sized honeycomb spread, and have a pretty pattern—something with a bold design is most effective—stamped as a border around it. The effect will be found to be really handsome if darned all over the design with a pretty shade of rope linen and edges outlined. If you would follow the fashion draw the spread over the pillows and do not tuck in the sides.

A Novel Spoon-Case.

A CASE to hold these little treasures that I have lately seen, is so pretty, dainty and, withal, so unique, that I cannot forbear a description. For a case holding a half dozen spoons, cut a piece of chamois skin twelve by nine inches. Pink the edges and across the narrow way put two strips of chamois, pinked on each edge, an inch apart. At regular intervals make little divisions, caught in place by bright silk twist to hold the spoons to position.

With gold, paint the names of the cities in fancy lettering above and below the straps. Decorate the outside with discs, half moons, spider-webs and irregular lines. Fold the case together and midway on each side punch a hole through both thicknesses of chamois, through which run a tiny gold cord with golden tassels attached. Fold together and tie.

Chamois skin is an excellent material in which to preserve the natural luster and brightness of the silver, and makes a lovely, soft case in which to exhibit to admiring friends the little gold-lined beauties.

Of Interest to Women.

THE employment of women in pharmacy is receiving general attention abroad.

A jeweler who knows, says that at a "drawing room" the Queen wears at least \$700,000 worth of jewelry.

A spoon for measuring medicine, by which a dose can be administered without spilling has been invented by Mrs. Horace Goodwin, of Boston.

A recent act of the Illinois legislature confers upon women the right of suffrage in school elections, and it is to be generally exercised this autumn.

There is a new dancing school for girls under the auspices of Sir Augustus Harris, at Drury Lane Theatre, London. The pupils enter into a contract for three years, beginning at a salary of \$2.50 a week.

In eighteen months Miss Kate Smith rose from a sixty-dollar clerkship under government, to one with a sixteen hundred-dollar salary. She is the only woman chief of division in the service of the government.

America to-day possesses over one thousand women physicians, and nearly one hundred ordained women ministers. Fifty-six of the sex became lawyers as early as 1882, and the number has greatly increased since then.

Fifth living descendants are now numbered in Queen Victoria's family circle. This includes children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but does not comprise sons-in-law, and daughters-in-law, or grand-sons-in-law. She has lost a son and a daughter and six grand-children.

A report comes from Moberly, Mo., that the young lady members of the Methodist church of that town have started out to pay off the church debt in a somewhat novel way. They have solemnly pledged themselves to pay ten cents into the church treasury every time they are kissed, the young men who do the kissing to pay the freight. Of course the dimes are pouring into the church treasury so fast that the debt will soon be paid.

The American Numismatic Association.

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 Communications intended for this department should be sent to C. T. TATMAN, 93 Piedmont Street, Worcester, Mass.

The Convention of 1891.

CHICAGO had the honor of being the meeting-place of the first annual convention of the AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. In the Commercial Hotel, corner Lake and Dearborn Streets, gathered on Wednesday, October 7th, the band of numismatic enthusiasts who set the society in motion. The meeting was called to order at 10 A. M., President Jerrems in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. David Harlowe was appointed to serve in that place. The chair appointed the following gentlemen as committee on credentials: Dr. George F. Heath, J. A. Heckelman, and J. S. Brydon. Thirty-one members were present at the convention, either in person or by proxy.

Mr. Heckelman made a verbal report on temporary organization, which report was accepted. It was then voted to take up the constitution and to adopt it article by article, making such changes as were thought best. This work occupied the rest of the day, and at 6 P. M. the meeting adjourned until Thursday.

The next day the work on the constitution and by-laws was accepted. A letter was read from Mr. S. H. Chapman, protesting against the proposed auction sale system, but the reform which Mr. C. recommended had been previously adopted. A communication from Mr. A. C. Gruhlke on behalf of the President of the American Archaeological Association, was read. It proposed the joint publication of a journal by the A. N. A. and the A. A. A. The matter was referred to the committee on official organ.

Niagara Falls was chosen as the next place of meeting by a majority of seven votes over Washington. The convention will be held at the same time as the A. P. A. convention. Nine new members were admitted.

The election of officers resulted as is signified at the head of this column. The convention, after a very harmonious and highly enthusiastic session, adjourned on Thursday, at 2 P. M.

The Constitution.

FOR the benefit of outsiders, we give below a brief outline of the constitution and by-laws. Members will probably soon be provided with copies of the full text.

The objects for which this Association is formed are: the encouragement of the collection of coins, the dissemination of knowledge in regard to the science of Numismatics, and the cultivation of a fraternal feeling among coin collectors.

All applications shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary, and of the following form:

I herewith make application for membership in the American Numismatic Association, subject to the Constitution and By-laws of said Association.

Name
 Address
 Age
 Date

Recommended by and

All persons applying for membership must be recommended by two members of the association. If no objections are received by the Secretary within 30 days from the date of publication of applicant's name in the official journal, a certificate of membership shall be issued. The Board of Trustees shall pass upon the validity of objections to applicants.

The Treasurer must give bond for \$200, and the Superintendent of Exchange for \$500.

Branch associations shall be encouraged in localities containing five A. N. A. members. Amendments to the consti-

tution must be published 60 days previous to their adoption, and must receive a two-thirds' vote.

Dues are fixed at one dollar per annum. Delinquents shall be dropped. The President shall appoint the following committees consisting of three members each: Credentials; Finance; Standing Rules; Library and Cabinet; Official Journal.

The Superintendent of Exchange shall keep five per cent. of all proceeds from coins disposed of through his department.

The Exchange and Sale Department.

GREAT will be the other benefits of the A. N. A., but the practical part of its usefulness will be in Mr. George W. Rode's department. The following is a short statement of how this business is to be carried on.

Members will send lots of coins, each piece or lot priced, to the Superintendent of Exchange, express being prepaid. That officer will make up priced lots and start them on a circuit, prepaying express to the first buyer. Each member will be allowed to keep a lot from two to six days, at the discretion of the Superintendent. Every person using this department must give bond for \$200 as security for the right use of its privileges. The Superintendent will settle with each member when his sales amount to \$5.00 or when his lot is sold or returned, the officer retaining five per cent. as pay for his trouble.

New Members A. N. A.

THE following list completes the roll of charter members of the Association. Sixty is a good big number to start off with. The old war-cry should now be taken up: "One-hundred before '92!"

41. Daniel D. Doolittle, Fremont, Dodge Co., Neb.
42. John G. Bingham, McGrawville, N. Y.
43. P. C. Jones, Box 475, Belleville, Ont.
44. Charles W. Kirk, Porter St., Pittsburg, Pa.
45. Luther W. Mott, 78 W. 5th St., Oswego, N. Y.
46. John M. White, North Wales, Pa.
47. W. H. Taylor, Union Station, Baltimore, Md.
48. E. S. Novis, 256 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.
49. A. C. Gruhlke, Waterloo, Ind.
50. O. W. Page, Box 296, Waltham, Mass.
51. Henry McKnight, 66 Thld Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
52. Cicero Peregrino, 6 Rua de Sandade, Pernambuco, Brazil.
53. A. H. Baldwin, 212 Upper Eglinton Road, Plumstead, London, England.
54. Philip Whiteway, London and County Bank, Bedford, England.
55. Otis Balcom, Indianapolis, Ind.
56. John Lehman, 635 Main St., Paterson, N. J.
57. A. F. Hosmer, 168 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
58. William A. Fletcher, 262 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
59. H. Russel Drowne, 147 W. 36th St., New York City.
60. John S. Brydon, 110 N. Elizabeth St., Chicago, Ill.

Standing Committees.

PRESIDENT JERREMS of the A. N. A. has appointed the following standing committees as authorized by the constitution:

Credentials—Heath, Heckelman, and Brydon.
 Finance—Hall, Von Bergen, and Breeding.
 Standing Rules—Seymour, Hazlett, and Howes.
 Library and Cabinet—S. H. Chapman, Garner, and Deats.
 Official Journal—Tatman, Grenny, and Heath.

Numismatic Notes.

AT the Chicago Convention Mr. Heckelman showed his patent exchange trays, which all considered excellent. Doubtless they will soon be familiar to all.

The Association starts with 60 charter members. President Jerrems says in a personal letter to the Secretary: "I am proud and pleased with the honor that the members have given me, but I accept it reluctantly because it has

been my earnest wish that Dr. Heath be chosen for the office of President."

The members of the A. N. A. may congratulate themselves upon the perfect good feeling that exists among their leaders.

A number of ballots for officers were received too late for use. It pays to follow directions.

PLAIN TALK wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to President Jerrems, Treasurer Harlowe, and Dr. Heath, who furnish the facts whereon our report of the convention is based. Thanks! gentlemen.

Catalogues continue to come regularly from Mr. Charles Steigerwalt, 130 E. King St., Lancaster, Pa. Mr. S. gets up a neat list and has a good many choice coins.

Chapman Brothers are about to sell the collection of Wilhelm Boeming, and a great set of dollars, the property of Mr. A. Bridgman, Jr. The Colin E. King collection will soon be catalogued.

The Numismatic Bank of 89 Court St., Boston, favors us with a copy of a price list issued by that establishment. It is quite a thick pamphlet and gives a vast deal of information, especially on the subject of ancient Greek and Roman coins, these being well illustrated.

The second part of the Thompson collection was sold by Bangs & Co., of New York on October 15th. Catalogue by Dr. George W. Massamore of Baltimore.

Ed. Frossard's 108th auction sale took place October 16th, at the rooms of Leavitt & Co., 787 Broadway, New York. Priced catalogues may be had for a quarter.

Liberty.



In the contest for the best representation of "Liberty," the 1793 Liberty Cap Cent comes in for its share of the votes. Certainly it is much more beautiful than the present Indian head. Have you voted? If not, send in your choice.

Are You a Live Collector?

If so, you doubtless know a number of others who are interested in numismatics, and who would like to know something about the A. N. A. Please send us the addresses of all active coin-collectors with whom you are acquainted or have dealt.

PHILATELY.

ALVAH DAVISON, - - - - - Editor,
176 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

THE photograph accompanying this sketch is a familiar one to the stamp collecting world, and yet it is no doubt new to thousands of PLAIN TALK readers.

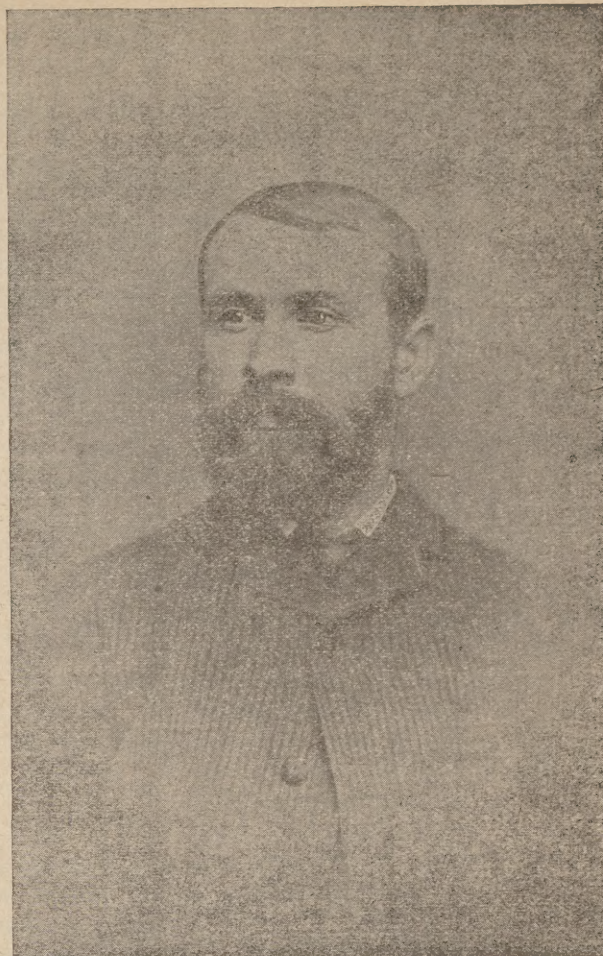
Since first seeing the light in Providence, R. I., in August 28th, 1851, nothing of special interest happened for a period of ten years, at which time and tender age he began to collect stamps, and for that long period his interest has never flagged. How very, very few can go back such a length of time in their experience as a collector, and what a dreary time they must have had in those days. No literature, few collectors and fewer dealers!

When the subject of a National Association of stamp collectors was agitated, Mr. Hanes was prominent in the movement, and after its formation, he was placed at the head of its most important department, and became Exchange Superintendent of the American Philatelic Association.

Mr. Hanes is a member of all the leading philatelic societies, and when he gives an opinion on any philatelic question it carries great weight.

The present edition of "Horner's History of U. S. Envelopes" is the work of Mr. Hanes, this being a book that is invaluable to collectors in that branch.

On the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin the prominent stamp dealer of Philadelphia, Mr. Hanes was asked as a friend to



E. B. HANES.

continue the business, and the firm of Durbin & Hanes was formed in February, 1888.

When I state that this firm has paid as high as seven thousands dollars for a single collection, it can readily be seen what a business they do, their catalogue and publications being known the world over.

Mr. Hanes can always be found at his commodious store at 128 South Seventh Street, Philadelphia, and all who take the time to call will receive the same welcome as did the editor on a recent visit.

The eighteenth edition of Durbin & Hanes Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue has been received, and exacting indeed must be the collector whom it would not suit. Its pictures of coats of arms, devices, inscriptions, etc., are invaluable to the young collector, teaching him at a glance to locate any stamp. 180 pages, price 25 cents. Published by Durbin & Hanes, Philadelphia, Pa.

Some of the Canadian members of the Canadian Philatelic Society are not satisfied with the running of things, and have started in to organize the Philatelic Society of Canada. The members are admitted without dues, and this ought to give them at least a seeming large membership, although anything which is obtained free is usually considered of little value. L. M. Staebler, 1984 Richmond St., London, Ontario, can give further information.

I believe there are a large number of counterfeit grilled stamps of the United States in circulation, and as it is a very difficult matter to determine the genuineness of some grills, collectors are advised to purchase none of the 1870 issue of these stamps without being sure that the specimens are good. One party is reported as being ready to turn out grills of any size or style, and young collectors are liable to have too much faith in human nature.

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SOME very attractive premium offers are made in this issue. The publishers hope to receive before December, at least one new subscriber from each present reader of the paper. Are they expecting too much? If sample copies are desired to show to friends they will be furnished on receipt of a postal card request.

IT is the desire of the publishers of this paper to improve it in all possible ways. Valuable suggestions have often been received from subscribers, and all readers are especially requested to send in ideas. Would PLAIN TALK be more satisfactory if furnished in magazine form? Are any new departments desired? Or would it be well to extend those now given place?

Plain Talks.

BY REV. F. H. PALMER.

IV.

ON HABIT AND HEREDITY.

THE English word habit is from the Latin *habeo*, I have; some one has said that the explanation of the derivation is not that a habit is something which a man has but it is something which "has" the man. It is time for us to turn our attention to some of the habits which are so likely to hold us in their tightening grip as we set out upon an earnest, honest and truly modest career according to the plans laid down in previous Plain Talks. It seems as through failure from some apparently trifling cause, some little defect or bad habit, was particularly prone to befall those who are making an earnest effort to cultivate noble characters in main particulars. The inference is not that we should cease cultivating the noble characters, but that we should guard the weak points, and uproot the small vices. There we come again, back to that *grip* idea; we call our bad habits *vices* because they hold us in their vice-like grip. Boys and girls, the time to break that grip is when the habit is young! It is easy to do it then; O, how hard it will be by and by! This afternoon, in an Autumn stroll through the woods and meadows, I saw a strangled elm tree. It should have been a fair, spreading, graceful tree like its neighbors, giving grateful shade in Summer, showing a delicate and beautiful tracery of swaying withes and

branches against the stormy skies of Winter. Instead of this it is stunted, gnarled, and ugly. It is a blot upon the landscape. I wish the woodman would cut it down; but it is so twisted and knotted that it is not even good for firewood. The cause of the ruin of its tree-life is a grapevine. This wild vine, years ago began to climb the slender sapling. You might then have cut it down with your thumb-nail. But it grew, and coiled and twisted and strengthened until it wrought its ruin. O, how sad to see, against the Winter sky of old age, a human life, intended to be full of grace, beauty and sweetness—dwarfed, warped, ugly by reason of habits, which might at first have been cut off and uprooted as easily as you would pluck a weed from the garden.

I remember reading of a large number of candidates who answered a leading firm's advertisement of "Boy Wanted." Most of the applicants brought long lists of references, and flattering letters of recommendation. The keen old "senior member" passed all these by and chose a boy who brought neither. "Why did you choose that boy?" queried a friend, "he had no one's endorsement, and apparently no experience."

"No," replied the shrewd man of business, "but I noticed that his hair was neatly brushed, his finger nails were trimmed, his clothes were clean and appropriate to one in his circumstances, he came promptly at the time specified, answered my questions politely and frankly, picked up a book which I purposely dropped in his presence, and he had no odor of tobacco about his person. Therefore he was the boy of all the applicants whom I wanted."

Right habits have a commercial value. Evil habits, even in small things, stand directly in the way of a true and large success.

Heredity is race-habit. The habits of our ancestors are handed down to us in great laws or influences which help or handicap us. Our habits will make heredity for those who come after us. Think of these great and serious race-problems, dear young people. It is every man's duty to counteract evil hereditary influences. Every one of us should set in motion currents of righteous and healthful influence which may bless the world till the end of time.

William Henry Giles Kingston.

[Prize sketch from Leon E. Joseph, Philadelphia.]

THE subject of this sketch was born in London, on the 28th of February, 1814. Much of his youth was spent at Oporto, where his father was a merchant, but when he joined his father in business, and afterwards when he carried on business for himself, he lived chiefly in London.

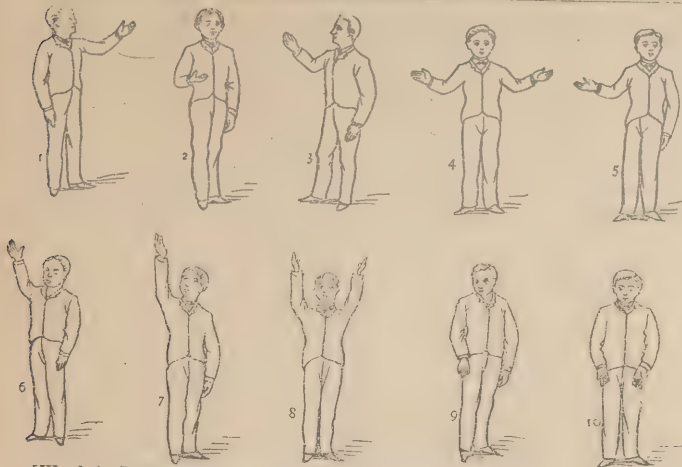
In 1844 his first book, the *Circassian Chief*, appeared, and its success led to the publication in 1845 of *The Prime Minister*, a story of the Days of the Great Marquis of Pomal. The *Lusitanian Sketches* that appeared soon after, described Kingston's travels in Portugal. In 1851, *Peter, the Whaler*, his first book for boys, came out.

That, and its immediate successors were received with such unequivocal popularity that Kingston retired from business, and devoted himself to the production of tales of adventure for boys. Within 30 years he wrote upwards of 130 such books.

He traveled at various times in many of the countries of Europe, and lived for a while in Portugal, during the war there. His *Western Wanderings*, published in 1856, describes a tour in Canada. In all philanthropic schemes Kingston took deep interest; he was the promoter of the *Mission to Seamen*; and he acted as secretary of a society of emigration (its object to promote an improved system.) He was a supporter of the volunteer movement in England from the first. For his services in bringing about a commercial treaty between Portugal and Britain, he was knighted by the Queen of Portugal, and his literary merits were recognized at home by a grant from his own sovereign. He died at Willesden, August 5th, 1880.

PIECES TO SPEAK.

The editor wishes selections of prose or poetry suitable for declamation or recitation and will give each month one of the "Best Books" to the subscriber who sends in the best selection, it being understood that all received are to be at his disposal. Selections which have not appeared in school speakers are preferred. Remember this prize will be awarded on the 10th of November, and on the 10th of each succeeding month for the present.



[Words in *Italics* should be emphasized. The sign *plus* indicates that the gesture is to be continued to the next number. The gestures are marked to come on emphatic words, and the motion of the hands should correspond with the stress put upon the words. One horizontal line indicates a short pause, two a longer, and three a still longer.]

A Christopher of the Shenandoah.

ISLAND FORD, SNICKER'S GAP, JULY 18th, 1864.

TOLD BY THE ORDERLY.

MUTE he sat in the saddle—(3) *mute* | midst our full acclaim,||

As *three times over* | we gave to the mountain echo his name.||

Then, | "But I couldn't do less!" || in a murmur remonstrant came.||

This was the deed his *spirit* set || and his hand would not shun,||

When the vale of the Shenandoah | had lost the glow of the sun,||

And the evening (5) *cloud* | and the battle (5+) *smoke* | were blending in one.||

Retreating | and ever retreating, || the bank of the river we gained,||

Hope of the field was none, || and choice but of (2) *flight* remained,||

When there | at the brink of the ford | his horse he suddenly reined.||

For his vigilant eye had marked | where, (1) || close by the oozy marge,||

Half-parted its mooring, || there lay a battered and oarless barge.||

"Quick! | *gather the wounded in!*" || and the flying stayed at his charge.||

They gathered the wounded in | whence they fell by the river-bank,||

Lapped on the gleaming sand, | or aswoon 'mid the russet dank;||

And they (10) *crowded the barge* | till its sides low down in the water sank.||

The river was *wide*, | was *deep*, | and heady the current flowed,||

A *burdened and oarless* craft! || (5) straight into the stream he rode

By the side of the barge | and drew it along with its moaning load.||

A moaning and ghastly load ||—the *wounded* ||—the *dying* ||—the *dead!* ||

For ever upon their traces | followed the whistling lead, ||

Our *bravest the mark*, || yet unscathed | and undaunted, | he pushes ahead. ||

Alone? || save for one | that from *love of his leader* | or soldierly *pride!*

(Hearing his call for aid, | and seeing that none replied), |

Plunged and swum by the crazy craft | on the other side. ||

But *Heaven!* || *what weary toil!* || for the river is *wide*, | is *deep*; ||

The current is *swift*, | and the bank | on the further side | is *steep* ||

'Tis reached at last, | and a (3) hundred of ours to the (3+) rescue leap. ||

Oh | they cheered as he rose from the stream | and the water-drops flowed away! ||

"But I couldn't do less!" || in the silence that followed we heard him say; ||

Then the wounded cheered, || and the swooning awake in the barge where they lay. ||

And I? || Ah, | well, | I swam by the barge | on the other side; ||

But an orderly goes wherever his leader chooses to ride. ||

Come life | or come death | *I couldn't do less* than follow his guide.

—Edith M. Thomas, in the N. Y. Independent.

The Yankee Girl.

[Prize Awarded October 10th.]

SHE sings by her wheel, at that low cottage door,
Which the long evening shadow is stretching before,
With a music as sweet as the music which seems
Breathed softly and faint in the ear of our dreams!

How brilliant and mirthful the light of her eye,
Like a star glancing out from the blue of the sky!
And lightly and freely her dark tresses play
O'er a brow and a bosom as lovely as they!

Who comes in his pride to that low cottage-door—
The haughty and rich to the humble and poor?
'Tis the great Southern planter—the master who waves
His whip of dominion o'er hundreds of slaves.

"Nay, Ellen—for shame! Let those Yankee fools spin,
Who would pass for our slaves with a change of their skin;
Let them toil as they will at the loom or the wheel,
Too stupid for shame, and too vulgar to feel!

But thou art too lovely and precious a gem
To be bound to their burdens and sullied by them—
For shame, Ellen, shame!—cast thy bondage aside,
And away to the South, as my blessing and pride.

Oh, come where no winter thy footsteps can wrong,
But where flowers are blossoming all the year long,
Where the shade of the palm tree is over my home,
And the lemon and orange are white in their bloom!

Oh, come to my home, where my servants shall all
Depart at thy bidding and come at thy call;
They shall heed thee as mistresses with trembling and awe,
And each wish of thy heart shall be felt as a law."

Oh, could ye have seen her—that pride of our girls—
Arise and cast back the dark wealth of her curls,
With a scorn in her eye which the gazer could feel,
And a glance like sunshine that flashes on steel!

"Go back, haughty Southron! thy treasures of gold
Are dim with the blood of the hearts thou hast sold;
Thy home may be lovely, but round it I hear
The crack of the whip and the footsteps of fear!

And the sky of thy South may be brighter than ours,
And greener thy landscapes, and fairer thy flowers;
But, dearer the blast round our mountains which raves,
Than the sweet summer zephyr which breathes over slaves!

Full low at thy bidding thy negroes may kneel,
With the iron of bondage on spirit and heel;
Yet know that the Yankee girl sooner would be
In fetters with them, than in freedom with thee!"

—Poem by Whittier. Copied by Emma L. Hauck,
White Plains, N. Y.

NATURAL HISTORY.

Contributions to this department are solicited from all readers. Questions will be answered by competent authorities.

Greatest of Volcanoes.

ON a recent map of Hawaii, the largest island of the Hawaiian group, are a number of black marks, some narrow and some very wide, extending from a common centre in the interior to many points of the compass, some of them reaching the sea, forty to sixty miles away. These marks represent the areas that during this century have been covered by lava flowing from the greatest volcano in the world. In 1887 Mauna Loa gave two terrific displays of the most intense volcanic activity. The average interval between the eruptive periods of the volcano is about eight years. Mauna Loa, which means "The Great Mountain," is by far the most important of modern volcanoes. Several years ago Capt. C. E. Dutton, of the Ordinance Corps in our army, made a careful study of the Hawaiian volcanoes. He says that a moderate eruption of Mauna Loa represents more material than Vesuvius has emitted since the destruction of Pompeii. The great lava flow of 1855, which extended 45 miles toward the sea, with an average breadth of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles and an average depth of 100 feet, would nearly have built Vesuvius. The flows of 1859 and 1881 were little less. The first eruption in 1887 lasted two weeks, and the molten lava flowed for 20 miles down the gentle slope of the mountain, its lower edge entering the sea. In this way Hawaii is gradually growing, the great lava floods encroaching upon the sea and enlarging the coast line. Although all the twelve islands that form the Hawaiian group are of volcanic origin it is only in that island which gives its name to the group, and which is larger than all the rest put together, that volcanic energy is now displayed.

The greater number of Mauna Loa's lava flows have been toward the northeast or northwest coasts of the island, but the stream of 1887 reached the southwest coast. Unlike most other volcanoes, the streams of melted matter which roll down Mauna Loa's sides do not issue from its summit, but from great fissures in the side of the mountain, sometimes thousands of feet below its top. The main axis of this stupendous mountain mass is about seventy-five miles long, and the mountain slopes very gradually toward the sea on all sides. Instead of being a cone, which is the usual form of a volcano, Mauna Loa is a great dome-like elevation. The reason is that the outpourings from the bowels of the earth which have formed it have been in their molten state so completely liquified that they could spread over a larger surface, while the more solid matter issuing from Vesuvius and many other volcanoes remained near the place of vent, and consequently built up the mountain in the form of peaks. Mauna Loa is nearly 14,000 feet high, and the ascent along the most accessible route to the summit can easily be made on mules. The shape of the mountain is so gradual that it takes, along the usual route up the mountain, twenty miles of travel to gain an altitude of 9,500 feet. It has been observed that the great eruptions of Mauna Loa have generally been preceded by intense activity at the summit orifice—the emissions there, however, never overflowing the great lava walled basin in which they are confined. After the main eruptions there is perfect quiescence in all parts of the mountain.

Captain Dutton's theory is that within the mountain an accumulation of eruptive energy and material is constantly in progress, which "at first seeks an outlet through the summit orifice; but as the accumulation goes on the mountain itself is ruptured." The lava is discharged, and the volcanic energy is for the time being depleted. Eleven years ago a great stream of lava for some months poured down the northeast slope and advanced steadily over the plains, some of them almost level, to the coast, some forty miles away. It was making straight for the pretty village of Hilo, and the inhabitants concluded at last that there was no hope of saving their town. In the last days of its flow its progress was much less rapid, but still it kept pushing on at a rate of 300 yards a day. All the portable property in the town was packed up and the people prepared to move at a moment's notice. The stream of lava split in two long arms, and ap-

peared to be about to encircle the town. The two branches had reached the outskirts of the town when suddenly, without any premonition, the flow stopped and the movement was not renewed.—*Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.*

Do Pearls Get Sick?

"DO YOU know that pearls get sick?" said a well-known Atlanta jeweler, yesterday. "They do, and, like babies, they require a change of climate when their health is bad, or else they crumble or die. I knew of a case once where a lady went into a jeweler's with a magnificent set of pearls that were losing their luster and beginning to look dead. 'These pearls are sick,' said the jeweler, upon examining them, 'and unless you take or send them to a decidedly different climate at once, they will become worthless.' They were sent off, and within a month were as bright and pretty again as they had ever been."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Deep-Sea Sponges.

SOME of the most beautiful things that live in the ocean are the sponges of the great depth, which have often very curious and interesting forms. Not least remarkable are the so-called "sea nests," which are in the form of spheres or sometimes egg-shaped.

The outer coat of one of these specimens is a complicated network, over which a delicate membrane is spread. An ornamental frill adorns the upper part, while the lower portion throws out a maze of glossy filaments like fine white hairs.

These hairs penetrate the semi-fluid mud in every direction, thus holding the sponge in its place, while a continuous current of water is drawn by waving "cilia" through all parts of the mass, passing out by a hole at the top. In this manner the animal absorbs whatever food may be afloat.

Another singular sponge is the "glass rope," which sends down into the mud a coiled wisp of filaments as thick as a knitting needle. The latter opens out into a brush, fixing the creature in place after the manner of a screw pile.

Still another remarkable sponge is found in the deep water off the Loffoden Islands. It spreads out into a thin circular cake, surrounded by what looks like a fringe of white floss silk.

Bumble Bees and Red Clover.

THERE is a difference of opinion as to the extent of the assistance rendered by insects in fertilizing flowers. We think most entomologists consider their services of great importance. *Insect Life* in reply to a correspondent, claims that it has been conclusively established that red clover will not mature its seeds without the cross fertilization brought about by the visits of insects, and particularly bumble bees. Although many other insects assist to a limited extent, the mouth of the bumble bee is particularly fitted for this role. It supposes that the smaller percentage of seeds in the early clover is owing to the fact that the bees are few early in the season. The first clover introduced into New Zealand failed to produce seed, but later, when the bumble bees were introduced and became numerous, the clover produced perfect seeds. We think Charles Darwin demonstrated that the cat was intimately associated with the success of clover in New Zealand. He said that mice were so numerous that they destroyed the nests of bumble bees, consequently prevented their multiplication in sufficient numbers to fertilize the clover. Cats were then introduced, and they destroyed the mice, bumble bees multiplied and clover bore seed.

Followed His Pet to His Fate.

THE locomotive which was wrecked Sunday night on the Long Island railroad, at Greenvale, was the heaviest and largest on the road, and has been in charge of engineer Harry Coombs since it was first brought out, three years ago. Sunday was the first time it had been used to haul the night train to Mineola. Owing to the increased traffic on that particular train, engineer Tracy, who had usually had

the run, was ordered to take the train out Sunday night with engineer Coombs' locomotive. When Coombs heard of the order he at once telegraphed to the train dispatcher that if his engine was going out, he would run it, as he did not wish to have anybody else on her footboard. Thus it came that Coombs, who never had a Sunday run before, met his death because of devotion to the iron horse he had so long managed.—*New York Herald*.

All About Bananas.

THE banana goes back to the earliest days. Alexander's soldiers, as Pliny says, joined the sages of India seated in its shades and partaking of the delicious fruits. Hence the name "sapientum" given the plant, which likewise bears the name of Jupiter's fair daughter, Musa. Now it has been shown that the banana is of Malayan origin. How did it get to India and to South America and Mexico? The feet of birds have borne seed a full 10,000 miles, while the cocoanut floated high the world around in the great ocean currents.

But the banana has no seeds, nor has it a casing like the glabular cocoanut to float it around over the waters. Then it must have been carried by man. It is significant that the Aztecs had traditions of visits by people from over the seas, while there was, to confirm it, an admixture of the religion of the Brahmins in their own theology. Would you think that the despised banana would actually step forward to prove that before Columbus was, or Lief Ericson even had an existence, some swarthy denizens of the Old World had migrated across the waters?

Manila rope is made in the Philippine Islands of the stem of the banana. This stalk, which usually grows to be six inches in diameter and from fifteen to twenty feet high, has a very valuable fibre, from which are woven beautiful textile fabrics. Many of the finest India shawls and wrappers worn by ladies of fashion are manufactured from this fabric.

So, too, an excellent article of paper is made from it. But are no varieties of bananas wild? Yes, some have been found in Ceylon, Cochin China, and the Philippines. These, of course, have seeds, but they are inferior to the long, cultivated varieties. The banana is cultivated by suckers, and it is in this way that the literal plant perpetuates itself indefinitely. In Central Africa you may find thousands and thousands of plants that literally have in them the germ and life of 10,000 years' duration.

The banana belongs to the lily family and is a developed tropical lily, from which, by ages of cultivation, the seeds have been eliminated and the fruit for which it was cultivated greatly expanded. In relation to the bearing qualities of this fruit, Humboldt, who early saw the wonders of the plant, said that the ground that would grow 99 pounds of potatoes would also grow 33 pounds of wheat, but that the same ground would grow 4,000 pounds of bananas, consequently to that of wheat is 133 to 1 and to that of potatoes 44 to 1. The banana possesses all of the essentials to the sustenance of life. The savage of the sea isles and the jungle owes what he has of physical strength to this food.

Wheat alone, potatoes alone, will not do this. When taken as a steady diet it is cooked—baked dry in the green state, pulped and boiled in water as soup, and cut in slices and fried. I do not know whose beauty I admire the most, the majestic cocoa palm, with its heavy crown of great fringed leaves, or the graceful banana, with its great leaves, which are six feet long and two feet wide.

The leaves of the banana are tender, and the strong winds of the tropics—the hurricanes—soon tear the leaves in strips, thereby adding to their grace and beauty. The banana is a fruit that beast and bird, as well as man, are fond of, and the owner, when he lives in a sparsely settled country, must need protect his plantation by a fence of some thorn plant.—*Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine*.

ANSWERS to puzzles appearing in this issue will be published in the January number, and answers will be received up to December 10th, 1891, but no answers received after that date will count.

An Important Invention.

THE Liverpool *Journal of Commerce* understands that the engineering world will shortly be startled by the appearance of a new engine which, if the results confirm the anticipation, will revolutionize the motive power at present in use. A model is in course of preparation by the inventor, who has the benefit of the advice and co-operation of a leading scientific engineer. The advantages claimed are less original cost, greater power, space required very much less than at present occupied, also less boiler space and great saving in fuel, which means more cargo capacity.

An Electric Hand-Lamp.

IT IS said that an electric hand-lamp has been invented, the illuminating principle of which is generated by some simple chemicals that are ridiculously cheap and easily manipulated. A little sliding drawer at the bottom of the lamp holds the electric spark in solution, while by simply touching a button a magnificent light is developed or extinguished, as the case may be. This lamp does not specially differ in appearance from the ordinary kerosene affair, and can be used in the same way, but with complete absence of trouble, odor or danger.

Various Notes.

THE small amount of rosewood that now comes from South America is worth \$750 per thousand feet.

THE zinc-tannin process of preparing wood to resist decay is proving a great success. It hardens the wood and makes it much more useful, especially when used for railroad ties.

IT IS related as a curious fact that Paris, with a population of nearly 2,500,000 souls, has less than one hundred negroes within its limits. Statisticians say that the whole of France cannot muster a negro population exceeding five hundred.

ON THE Mangishlak peninsula, in the Caspian sea, there are five small lakes. One of them is covered with salt crystals strong enough to allow man and beast to cross the lake on foot; another is as round as any circle, and of a lovely rose color.

Beneficial Insects.

BEE TLES are not the only beneficial insects by any means; by far the greater number are found among the *Hymenoptera*. This order includes the parasitic ichneumon-flies, which range all the way from flies an inch or more in length, to minute species scarcely visible to the naked eye. The larger kinds deposit only one egg in each victim, while some of the smaller leave their entire complement of eggs on one caterpillar. A well-known example, which is familiar to most gardeners, may be found in the tomato-worm. A small, black, microgaster fly goes peering about among the tomato-vines until it espies a worm on which it lays its eggs. These soon hatch, and the tiny larvæ eat their way into the worm, and are soon thickly packed between the skin and vital organs, where they eat all the substance that would otherwise go to make the future moth, and their presence does not prevent the worm from eating and growing until the little parasites are full-fed, when they eat their way out of their host, and each stands on end and spins for itself a tiny white cocoon. Sometimes these cocoons are so numerous that the back of the worm is almost entirely covered with them, and now it shrivels, and rapidly shrinks in size, and soon dies. And this work of destruction is constantly going on all around us. Were it not for these parasites, vegetation could scarcely exist on the earth.—*American Agriculturist*.

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APPLICATIONS.

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Mr. Hunt it will be remembered was formerly No. 17, A. A., and was dropped for non-payment of dues. He was absent from home at the time and has taken this opportunity to apply for re-admission.

A. B. FARNHAM, *Secretary.*

Indian Relics in Montgomery County, New York.

MONTGOMERY County has long been a rich field for the Archaeologist. Perhaps a brief description of the mounds may be of some interest to the readers of PLAIN TALK.

Indian Hill, the most noted of all mounds, is about two miles south-west of Fort Plain, it is an old time rendezvous of the Mohawk Tribe. It has been visited by scores of relic hunters, from all parts of the country and the finds are about exhausted. The mound is covered with young timber, and consequently is hard digging among the roots and stumps but with perseverance one may be well repaid for his labor. Fragments of pottery are quite plenty, and can be found first under the leaf mold; some of this is finely decorated, showing a considerable skill and taste. The best finds have been around old stumps and large trees; bone, needles, arrow tips, pipe stems and bowls, stone axes and arrow heads have been found. Mussle shells are quite abundant, showing that the tribe used them as food. Bones of different kinds are numerous. The writer found at one time a queer shaped axe (iron) supposed to be an old French axe of the time of the Revolution. This mound is truly a romantic spot, and is quite a favorite resort. On one side of the hill is a precipice about one-hundred and fifty feet high; at the foot flows the Otsqueam Creek, the other side of the hill is a gradual descent, and here is where most of the relics are found; flint chips are scattered around, also stones, showing the effect of fire.

CORRESPONDENCE CLUB.

This Department is established in response to numerous requests from subscribers. All readers are invited to make use of it, remembering the following rules: **FIRST**—Brevity. **SECOND**—Clearness of statement. **THIRD**—Decisive knowledge of what is wanted. **FOURTH**—The desirability of confining themselves, as much as possible, to questions of interest to others as well as themselves. All questions will be given attention as early as possible, although in some cases more or less delay may be necessary.

PHILATELY.

Leon E. Joseph, Philadelphia, writes: "As suggestions are invited, I think that I would like to see you put philatelic prize essays in every once in a while as the two I answered gave me more knowledge than you would think they could have done, besides providing me with a stamp album and affixing the flags, coat of arms and portraits of the rulers of the world in it, (for which I again

thank you); as they caused me to look up a good many facts about the stamps of the country I wrote about, which I could not put in my essays as they would have exceeded the number of words allowed.

"Pieces to Speak," will be made a success if I have any say in the matter. I intend to do all I can for it; and wish it to turn out to be one of the leading departments of the paper.

EXCHANGE COLUMN.

Several subscribers have written within the last month expressing their appreciation of the exchange column, and telling of the good exchanges they have made with other subscribers. We think all would do well to avail themselves of its privileges. The payment of \$1.00 a year for a subscription carries the free use of the department.

Another locality is Castle Hill, in the extreme northern part of this county. This place has not been visited so much by relic hunters, and many fine relics may be had with a little digging. A friend of mine found twenty-seven arrow heads in one day on the surface. I succeeded in getting a very fine pipe that was found at this mound, and the pottery shows the same marks as that found at Indian Hill. A few years ago, while some laborers were at work in a gravel bank, about two miles west of Fort Plain, and very near the New York Central Railroad, they unexpectedly came upon an Indian burying place, several skeletons were unearthed and a good many relics found, but as most of the laborers were of the foreign element many of the relics were lost. Some fine pipes have been found since. Some of the bones were in a good state of preservation. A short time after the discovery I visited the locality with a friend, and after hard digging we unearthed a skeleton, but the bones were so much decomposed that they soon crumbled to dust. A piece of pipe bowl and the teeth was the only relics carried away. Those Indians were supposed to have been buried in the time of the French and Indian wars. There are many other localities in the Mohawk Valley and vicinity where interesting relics have been found. Mr. A. G. Richmond of Canajoharie, who has one of the finest collections in the state is continually finding something new. Mr. R. C. Hall, of the same town, is also an enthusiastic collector.

A friend of mine found a few months ago, near the Bowmans Creek about fifty arrow and spear heads, many were broken, but some were very fine. They were all in one spot, and no others have been found in that locality.

G. E. WELLS, Canajoharie, N. Y.

An Important Find.

A STATEMENT appeared in, I think, a Philadelphia newspaper a short time ago, saying that remains, similar to some of those belonging to the Old Lake Dwellers of the Swiss Lakes, had been found at the Mouth of Naaman's Creek, where it empties into the Delaware River, which is about nineteen miles southward of this city.

WM. BRINGHURST, M. D., Philadelphia.

An Ohio Earthwork.

ABOUT four miles north of "Fort Hill," in Highland Co., Ohio, is a very interesting little earthwork. Around a central mound, eighty feet in diameter, and ten feet high, is a surrounding embankment, about four feet in height, through the south side of which is a gateway over twenty-five feet wide. From this gateway a causeway leads up to the enclosed mound,—a distance of thirty-four feet. In the space between the mound and the surrounding embankment, except where blocked by the causeway, is a sort of moat or ditch. To the east of this earthwork are several smaller mounds, all of which are in a fair state of preservation. It would be hard to tell for what purpose this peculiar earthwork was built; but if thorough exploration can throw any light on the question, the excavations now being carried on by Mr. M. H. Saville, for the World's Columbian Exposition, will accomplish this result.

Subscribers who have already paid at the 50 cent rate can send the additional 50 cents at any time, or a proportionate portion of it if they simply wish the privilege to extend to the end of their present subscription.

DELAYED QUESTIONS.

DAN,—If you have sent any questions which have not been answered, please repeat them. One or two of your questions have been used for prize contests, but aside from this we were not aware that any remained unanswered.

ARCHAEOLOGY.

A. A. A.—"Antiquities of Southern Indians," by Jones, is published by D. Appleton & Co., 1 Bond St., N. Y. City. The price is \$6.00

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All puzzlers are invited to contribute to this department. All accepted puzzles will be paid for, on publication, at the rate of 10 cents each, if from paid-in-advance subscribers. Each puzzle must be original, and must be accompanied by a full and complete solution.

It was with regret that the publishers accepted the resignation of "Fisco" as editor of this department. His regular work, however, was of such a nature that he was forced to free himself from some outside duties. The present editor has had many years experience as a puzzler, and will do his best to maintain the high standard of the department.

Answers to Puzzles that appeared in the September number.

No. 1. PLAIN TALK.

No. 2. Weal-ty.

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No. 4. Misapprehension.

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No. 8. Rudder-head.

No. 9. Bandage.

No. 10. NABIT
ABIDE
BITER
IDEAS
TERSE

No. 11. Core A
Arno N
Niagara
Ade N
Douglas
Aarhnn S

Primals, Canada.

Finals, Ananas.

No. 12. Thou unrelenting Past!

Strong are the barriers round thy dark domain,

And fetters sure and fast

Hold all that enter thy unbreathing reign.

New Puzzles.

No. 1. ANAGRAM.

LET THY MARL, HAIL GOLD.

What is it they chase so on the marts,
Court'ing fortunes smiling, fickle arts;
'Tis coin of the realm condensed in one
The open-seasame to America's 'ton.
'Tis money of course, all powerful name!
Buyer of souls! Buil'er of fame!
The miser's curse, the poor man's friend
'Tis hard to get—(but harder to lend.)

Jersey City, N. J. "INCOGNITO."

No. 2. MUTATION.

A quotation of Shakespeare's.

"HOW SOFT HEARTS TELL ME SO;
LAB'ors?"

The young men of the present age
Seem to care for naught but mashing.
How in society they do rage
And cut a figure quite dashing.

Their soft arts is their stock in trade
To fool the maina's treasures.
How easy is their conquests made,
By such seductive measures.

MORAL.

Oh, girls, beware of the masher's arts
Who seek to turn your trusting hearts,
Give ear to mother's warning voice
From misery free will you then rejoice.

"INCOGNITO."

No. 3. ANAGRAM.

A scriptural text.

TURN THEIR MEMORY BOY?? TO
TEACHER.

How oft' when a boy do I remember well
My S. S. Teacher a certain Miss Bell.
Amongst the things she told me to mind
Would I earnestly try my Saviour to find.
And when I had found Him
To tell others the same.
And to never forget though my eyes grow dim
To cherish the memory of his dear name.

"INCOGNITO."

No. 4. REBUS.

A man's name and residence.

WOOD,
WILLIAM
OHIO.

Oswego, N. Y.

"JUNIOUS."

No. 5. ENIGMA.

My whole is coming; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and
9, 8, 7, (boys' nicknames) often sip 6
with their grand-mother.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "OCTO BER."

Chat About the September Puzzles.

No. 1 was solved by every puzzler who sent in answers. No. 2 was omitted by several, while one thought the correct answer was "heartless," instead of "wealthy." No. 3 was too much for a good many, but all but one who sent in answers had solved it correctly. No. 4 was passed by by quite a number, and was incorrectly answered by two. "Incognito's" mutation, (No. 5) was skipped by many, and one brave one turned it into "I crop this;" others, perhaps knowing how it was themselves, sent the correct answer. No. 6, all were able to answer. Squares do not seem to be quite such "stickers" as other forms of puzzles. Miss Hauck's arithmetical puzzle (No. 7) created some discussion, but nearly all were able to solve it finally. Several have voted for more of the same sort. All were brave enough to attempt No. 8, and the majority gave the answer as either "rudder-head" or "mast-head." Two, however, decided that the correct answer was "lead pen-

cil." Nearly all gave the correct answer to No. 9, but a few were not able to solve it, two giving the answer as "Be ahead of the age." All but one correctly answered No. 10, and in that case the error was a slight one. No. 11 was correctly answered so far as primals and finals were concerned, but the answers showed that many different combinations could be made which answered the conditions. No. 12 contained one or two typographical errors which confused solvers, but these were taken into account when considering answers.

Prize Winners.

The only strictly correct list received was from "Odoacer," who receives the first prize.

The prize for the best incomplete list is awarded to Arty Fishel.

Concerning Anagrams.

FRIEND FISCO;—I regret very much to go against your decision, but "Hercules" puzzle was not an anagram but a mutation. Puzzlers can't seem to distinguish the difference, but there is a decidedly difference; the anagram must read both ways. GOT IN COIN certainly bears no significance to INCOGNITO, the transposed meaning; therefore it would not be fair to other puzzlers to call it an anagram. Let the puzzler try again, and keep the anagram contest open for another month. I enclose you a sample of both kinds, and you can readily see the difference. I have awarded the prizes for the other two puzzles which was unexceptionally good and thank the puzzlers for their generous response and hope they will continue their efforts in your direction.

Jersey City, N. J. "INCOGNITO."

Puzzle Chat.

The present editor of this department hesitated long before deciding to take charge of it, feeling that it was no small thing to follow in the footsteps of its former conductor. He asks the kind consideration of all friends of "Puzzledom," and hopes by their aid to make the page an interesting one.

Contributions are solicited from all. As will be noted elsewhere a small sum will be paid for each acceptable puzzle.

The publishers will be glad to send free sample copies of PLAIN TALK to any who are interested in the department. Present subscribers are invited to send the addresses of their friends and correspondents.

This month's list of puzzlers is short, but amends will be made for this in the next issue.

Prizes.

For correct list, any two of our "Best Books."

For best incomplete list, any one of our "Best Books."

The first named prize will be awarded on the following plan: If an even number of correct answers are received the prize will be sent to the one sending the first; if an odd number, to the one sending the middle correct answer, unless divisible by five, when it will be given for the last correct answer.

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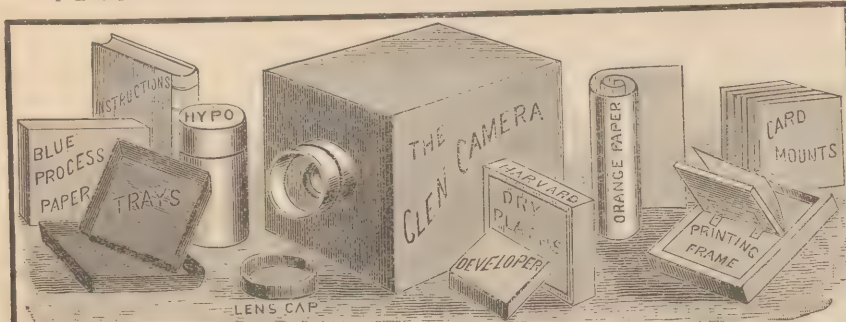
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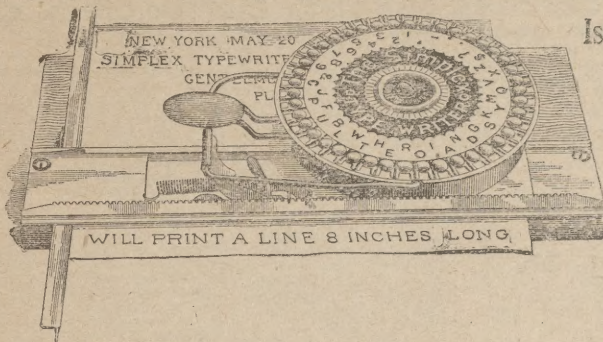
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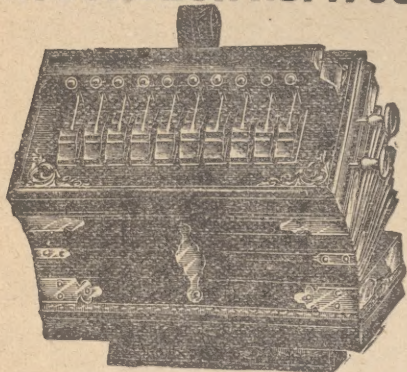
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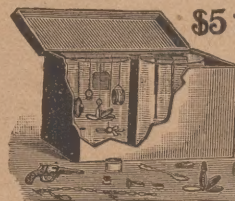


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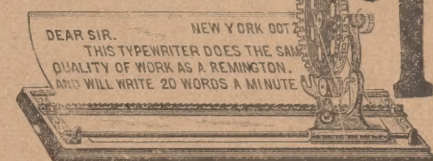
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